

# Memorandum

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Subject : **LA PALOMA GENERATING PROJECT (98-AFC-2) STATUS REPORT NUMBER 3**

At the La Paloma Generating Project Committee's September 16, 1998 Information Hearing, staff was directed to file monthly status reports starting on September 23, 1998. The following is staff's third status report on the La Paloma Generating Project.

## **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The project is proceeding in accordance with the Committee's Scheduling Order of October 13, 1998.

## **CEQA/NEPA COORDINATION**

The applicant's Biological Assessment (BA) has been determined by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to have a sufficient level of information necessary to conduct a consultation for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The service is expected to complete their consultation by mid-February 1999.

Staff has scheduled an agencies-only meeting December 1, 1998 with the USFWS, BLM and California Department of Fish and Game. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss interagency coordination, timing, and the expected content and scope of the applicant's Biological Resources Mitigation and Monitoring Program (BRMIMP). The BRMIMP is being drafted by the applicant's biological consultant and the first draft is expected in late December 1998. (Note: this will not be a public meeting.)

## **PROCESS WATER SUPPLY SOURCE**

La Paloma is still working with both West Kern Water District and Buena Vista Water Storage District to resolve any issues related to contract interpretations. Staff has not participated in these activities.

**DATA RESPONSE WORKSHOP**

A data response workshop was held on October 27, 1998 at the Energy Commission. Areas addressed were air quality and water resources. Please see the previously filed workshop summary for details (November 9, 1998).

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